

REMARKS

By way of this amendment claims 1-30 are pending in this application. Claims 7, 9, 11, 12 and 18 have been amended, and claims 23-30 have been added, to recast improper multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees required as a result of this Preliminary Amendment to Deposit Account 13-3372. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

If the Examiner believes that a conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara A. Shimei". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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